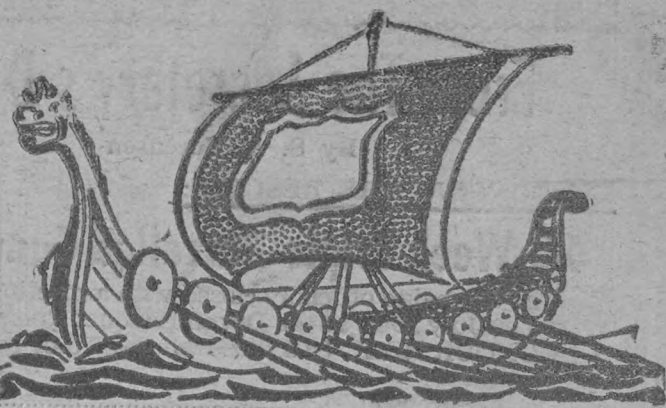




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Sons Of Norway

CLUB OSLO—September 15th. All members of Sons of Norway are especially invited to be present at the next members' social evening entitled "Club Oslo". Following a business agenda presided over by K. Amdam, a delightful evening will follow in the style of "Club Oslo". The evening is planned to commence at 8:00 p.m. in the Masonic Temple.

NORWEGIAN LADIES' CLUB WHIST DRIVE. Norwegian Ladies' Club invite members and friends to attend their whist drive on Wednesday, Sept. 13th, at the Masonic Temple. Guests will be welcomed by convenor Mrs. B. Boborosky. In charge of the whist are Mrs. N. Mjaatveit and Mrs. A. Fletcher.

Mrs. A. Mjaatveit and Mrs. H. Logan are arranging a lucky draw for the evening. Lunch arrangements are being made by Mrs. H. Johnson, Mrs. G. Algot, Mrs. J. Logan and Mrs. M. Myhre.

Advance tickets may be purchased from any member or by phoning Mrs. B. Boborosky at GR 9-5008.

Date—Wednesday, Sept. 13th.

Time—8:00 p.m.

Place—Masonic Temple Clubroom.

LADIES' AUXILIARY—SONS OF NORWAY. President, Mrs. S. A. Sorenson, urges Sons of Norway ladies to attend the next meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to be held at the home of Mrs. M. MacDonald at 10762-75 Avenue, on Friday, Sept. 1st, at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. G. Grasdahl motored to Regina recently to bring back Mrs. Grasdahl and their son, George.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Aage P. Paulsen on the arrival of a son, Glenn Peter; a little brother for Loila, Sven and Arne.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson have returned from a very pleasant trip to Saskatchewan where they visited with two sons and one daughter. Mrs. Johnson reports that crops are good, gardens are bountiful and the country looks lush and green.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson on the occasion of their wedding which took place in Calvary Lutheran Church on Friday, Aug. 11th, at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Johnson is the former Miss Ann Berild, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Berild of 9812-85 Ave., Edmonton.

The evening ceremony was attended by members of the family.

Vocalist, Jimmy MacDonald, has announced that he, along with four others, are forming an orchestra. Good wishes for the success of the venture come from Jimmy's many friends who look forward to the debut.

Mrs. M. MacDonald is interested in getting together those interested in Norwegian Folk Dancing and looks forward to being contacted by dancers of any age.

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Finnish Society

A general meeting of the Finnish Society will be held at the home of Mr. T. Salomaa, 9942-49th Street, September 6, commencing at 8:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend as there will be many important items on the agenda. Remember the date September 6.

Since early this spring the executive members of the Finnish Society have had meetings at which bursaries have been the topic of discussion. These bursaries are to be given for the benefit of students who will be continuing their schooling after completion of Grade 12.

At a general meeting it was decided that the amount of the bursary be fifty dollars. The executive drew up the conditions under which a student can receive this bursary, at a meeting August 9, 1961, to read as follows:

"The minimum average for a student entering a University is to be 70%, and a student entering any technical school will need an average of 75%. The amount of the bursary is to be fifty dollars, and to be given only to a member or his child. The executive members are to reserve the right to check the applications and to make the final decisions yearly."

Students applying, will be asked to send a copy of their marks (with proof) and a letter of application to:

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DANIA

Dania's annual event 'FUGLE-SKYDNING' took place as scheduled, on Sunday, August 12th, in almost perfect weather. Quite a number of families took part in the fun and afterwards enjoyed their picnic supper under the shade of the trees. It was interesting to note that this year the ladies enjoyed shooting at the bird as much as the men did. Keep that up girls, maybe we will have a Bird Queen next year?

Following are the winners of the competition:

Mr. Charles Jensen, Left Wing; Mr. Kurt Jensen, Right Wing; Mr. Wolfgang Klebs, Tail Plate; Mr. Sten Hansen, Beak Plate.

When shooting at the Breast Plate Mr. Charles Jensen (Glamster) again proved himself and became Bird King for 1961. This is the second time Charles has been Bird King, having won the same distinction in 1958. Congratulations Charles!

The Annual Meeting will take
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THANKS

Sincere thanks to the following donors who have so kindly assisted us: Hugo Christense; Roy Amundson; Sahah Pepper; Freda Smith; Eric Pierre; E. Eliasson, Lacombe; Mrs. F. Floden, New Westminster; Eric Olson, Saskatoon; E. Wold, Yeoford, Alberta. Total, \$20.50.

Vasa Lodge

Skandia held their meeting at Vasa Park on August 5th. Mrs. Evelyn Johnson volunteered to be Assistant Secretary. Mrs. Elsie Simmons is now Secretary. Mrs. Ella Pettersson's cabin is for sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nyroos and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Eliasson will be making the bowling arrangements for the coming season.

The ladies are holding a 'Chicken Dinner' on September 3rd in an effort to raise money. Dinner will be served commencing at 1:00 p.m.

A small presentation was made to each of the members who have been helping with the children's group.

Following the meeting—lunch was served, also Mr. and Mrs. Lennard Petterson invited everyone to their cabin to dance to the music of the "Baby Powder" orchestra.

The last meeting to be held at the lake, this season, will be on September 2nd. The October meeting will be held at the IOOF Hall on October 7th. There will be a dance following the meeting so gather up your friends and come and have a good time.

Miss Doreen Engvall, bride-elect of August 12th, was recently honored.
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Icelandic Society

From 'Far Away Places'—Mr. and Mrs. Lange and family are on a year and a half furlough from Central India, and were recent guests at the Norman Vigfusson home. Part of their leave will be spent in Eastern Canada where they will continue their studies. Mrs. Lange is Doris Vigfusson's sister and a former Albertan.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitchell and Gail are motoring out to the Coast. While there they will visit with Mrs. Mitchell's mother who resides on Vancouver Island. They expect to be away for two weeks.

We are indebted to Mrs. Dean Clarke for a most interesting article taken from the St. Paul Paper. It refers to Mrs. Margaret Decosse, the charming wife of Dr. Decosse, and her untiring devotion to the St. Paul Musical Society. An accompanying picture shows Mrs. Decosse being presented with a bouquet of roses, by the choir in appreciation. Our readers may know Mrs. Decosse as the former Margaret Stephanson of Hecla, Manitoba. Mrs. Dean Clarke is also a former resident of Hecla.

Our heartiest congratulations to Stephen Benediktson, this year's winner of the R. Angus (Alberta) Limited Scholarship in Highway Engineering. Stephen has just completed his third year at the University of Alberta and this is his third scholarship. Keep up the good work, Stephen.

All citizens with Icelandic background or Icelandic connections, will feel honored by the forthcoming visit to Edmonton of His Excellency Asgeir Asgeirson, President of Iceland and his presidential party.

Having been invited by Prime Minister Diefenbaker to visit Canada, the President is extending his tour to include several Icelandic communities across the Dominion.

Arriving in Quebec on September 11th the tour will proceed to Ottawa, for a friendly visit between the two appointed heads of state. The party will then fly to Winnipeg for a five-day visit to the many Icelandic points in Manitoba. September 19 will be spent in Regina and Wynyard Saskatchewan, and the following day the air-borne travellers will arrive in Edmonton, giving Albertans an opportunity to meet the chief representative of the land of their forebears. It has been arranged that on September 20 the President and his party will make a stopover in Red Deer and motor to Markerville west of Innisfail, to the site of the pioneer home of the great Icelandic poet, Stephan G. Stephansson. Here, two cairns stand in his memory.

The evening hours will be spent in Edmonton and plans are underway for a reception to welcome them to this Capital city in the fair province of Alberta. The following day the party will leave by train for
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From The Secretary's Desk

By S. A. Sorenson

ANNOUNCING THE RESULTS:

20-Week Triple-Barrelled Campaign

The campaign officially closed with a meeting of the canvassers on July 25th, at the Devlin Banquet Room.

HONOUR ROLL (All those who sold 5 or more shares).

Name	No. of Shares
S. A. Sorenson	92
Mrs. Chris Pearson	16
Mrs. Vera Nielsen	14
Julius Hober	14
Gus Algot	11
Axel Modin	11
Rudy Sund	7
K. L. Svidal	5
All other Shareholders	147
	317

This campaign boosted the building fund to over \$72,000.

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETS AUGUST 14

Dr. A. O. Minsos presented a new set of sketches for the Scandinavian Centre. They were favorably received by the committee members. Plans have now been distributed among the various lodges and clubs for further detailed study. It is expected that they will be finalized in the near future so that Dr. Minsos can proceed with detailed plans of the future Centre.

DIRECTORS CALL SPECIAL MEETING ON PLANNING ON AUGUST 22

It is encouraging that everyone is becoming more active and interested since it appears possible that construction may begin in 1961.

AUTUMN DANCE

The Scandinavian Centre will hold its second Annual Autumn Dance on September 23. Mr. O. S. Franzen, Cultural Activities Director, is proceeding with all speed to make preparations for a big Scandinavian Night, September 23. Tickets are being distributed and all members are urged to get out and sell their share so that this year's event will be even bigger than last year.

Bride, Groom Honeymoon At Waterton Lakes Park

Following their recent wedding in Augustana Lutheran Church Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nyroos left for a wedding trip to Waterton Lakes National Park.

The former Miss Doreen Margaret Engvall, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Engvall. The groom is the son of Mr. Gorg Nyroos of Sweden.

The double-ring ceremony was conducted by Rev. J. Keil. Mrs. Roland Pahal of Wetaskiwin was soloist, accompanied by Miss Ellen Larson.

For her wedding, the bride chose a floor-length gown of peau de soie, styled with a slight train. The portrait neckline was trimmed with lace and sequins. A bouffant veil was held by a Swedish bridal crown and the bride carried pink Sweet-heart roses.

Preceding the bride to the altar were her attendants, Miss Beverly Finlay, maid of honor, and Miss Patricia Peterson and Miss Carol Engvall, bridesmaids. Their identical, waltz-length dresses were of aqua chiffon, accented by Caribbean blue accessories. They carried bouquets of white carnations.

A frock of Caribbean blue chiffon was worn by the flower girl, Wendy Peterson. She carried a basket of red roses.

Attending the groom were Mr. Raul Nyroos, Mr. Fred Disewick and Mr. Richard Enns. Ushers were Mr. Elwood Johnson and Mr. Glen Eliason.

At the wedding reception Mr. S. Johnson was master of ceremonies and Mr. Charles West proposed a toast to the bride. The reception was followed by a wedding dance.

The bride's travelling costume was a raspberry-colored suit comple-

mented by black accessories. En corsage she wore white carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Nyroos will make their home in Edmonton.

DANIA

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place on Wednesday, October 25th. Please keep this date in mind. The time and place will be announced in the next issue of the "News".

If, during my wife's absence, you have any news or items of interest for your paper, please phone me between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. weekdays or at any time on Saturdays. You may also call for Newspapers or Magazines at these hours. My telephone no. is GE 9-0506. Tom Nielsen.

Miss Ellis Petersen, again proving her ability with a gun, won first prize for the ladies in the Target Competition. She scored 24 points. This is the second time Ellis has won the first prize in that competition—look out boys!

Mr. Ove Nielsen won first prize

Bridging Of Straits Separating Sweden And Denmark Again Under Discussion

STOCKHOLM — The bridging of the Cresund straits separating Denmark and southernmost Sweden is again being discussed. A Swedish official committee that was appointed in 1954 has just presented preliminary construction figures, and at the same time it has invited representatives of industry and business in the two countries to meet in Stockholm by the middle of September. A Danish committee is also working on the matter.

Danes and Swedes believe that the proposed link would be of immense importance not only for the two countries directly concerned but for the whole north of Europe. The cities along the shores of Oresund would gradually be merged into one vast metropolis, with constant shuttle traffic involving people who live on one side of the straits and work on the other. Transit of goods and passengers would increase spectacularly, and the growth of indus-

try and trade would be greatly stimulated. In order to reap the full benefits of the new connection, a bridge would also have to be built across the Big Belt, separating the two largest Danish islands, and such a project has been discussed in Denmark for many years. The Danish prime minister recently said that preparations should be speeded up in view of the economic integration of Europe.

In the Oresund straits, a bridge could be built either between Malmo, Sweden's third largest city, and Copenhagen, or farther north between the Swedish city of Halsingborg and the Danish Helsingor, or Elsinore. A combined automobile and railway bridge, with a tunnel on the Danish side, would, according to the Swedish committee, cost around 1,000 million kroner, or \$200 million. The straits here have a width of about 10 miles. The bridge would take care of five and the tunnel of nearly three, while connections across the island of Saltholm would account for the balance. A bridge of the same type between Halsingborg and Elsinore, where the straits are much narrower while the depth is greater, is estimated at about 600 million kroner (\$120 million). The Swedish committee has also considered the possibility of a connection only for automobile traf-

fic between Malmo and Copenhagen, and a railway bridge between the two smaller cities. Such a combination would cost around 850 million kroner (\$170 million).

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Birthday greetings go to Mr. H. Haapakoski, Mr. L. Vesalainen, Mr. O. Virtanen and Mr. M. Lehtiniemi, who will be celebrating their birthdays in September.

Mrs. M. Carlson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. N. Tikkanen at Rich Lake.

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A TRIP TO SWEDEN

By GERTRUDE HOLMGREN

When we left Edmonton on March 28th, for Sweden our expectations for an enjoyable trip were high and I think they were more than fulfilled for wherever we went we had fun. Everywhere we went we were accepted and entertained in true Swedish fashion.

On Easter Sunday, we went to Gagnef Church and the stained-glass windows on either side of the altar were of great interest to me, as a number of years ago we received a letter requesting a donation for these windows. On the left was "Suffer the Little Children to come unto Me" and on the right was "Come unto Me all Ye who Labor and are heavy laden". The interesting feature of these windows was that all the people in them wore Gagnef's national costume and in the background was the Dalälven (The Dale River) where the East and West rivers meet and become one, as that is where Gagnef is situated.

My husband comes from a family who love to sing and so before the day came to a close, they gathered together and really had the rafters ringing with all the old songs.

We had planned on going to other countries as well as Sweden so decided on this trip as soon after Easter while it was still quite cold in Dalarna, and so on April 11th, we left for our tour through Denmark, Germany, Belgium, on to London and to Holland.

We visited the Lund Cathedral but were disappointed to find the church under repair and the clock which I had waited so many years to see was covered with plastic and not running. While in Lund we visited Ossion Persson and he bid us say "Hello" to his friends here in Canada.

The weather was lovely throughout the trip, even in London. I really enjoyed London, and wished we could have spent more time there. We visited the flower gardens in Holland and this was something out of this world. In Brussels we visited the church in which King Leopold and Queen Astrid were married and more recently King Boudoin and his Spanish Princess. In Germany we noticed all the beautiful bridges, all rebuilt since the war. Copenhagen is a beautiful city. There the food shops display their wares so beautifully; particularly the meat shops and the shops specializing in open-faced sandwiches.

We needed much more time in order to be able to see all the noteworthy places but after all, Sweden was the reason for our trip in the first place and so after two weeks we were back there again. Our relatives thought we had been gone far to long.

One day we went for a motor trip to Tottvik and stopped at Tallberget for coffee. This part of Dalarna is a tourist's paradise, with all the old building preserved. They realize that the old traditions must be preserved and yet the people, especially the young people, are very modern—modern clothes and modern ideas.

I went to a Snabbkop or self-serve food store one day and my interest was held at the counter which had plastic packages of pea soup, brown beans, pickled herring, fried herring, etc. The stores also stock a variety of instant foods, cake mixes, etc.

Most of the homes I visited in Dalarna had modern conveniences, electric stoves, fridges, freezers. Some of the newer homes even had

rumpus rooms. A lot of the new homes were being constructed of brick. Most city people live in apartments.

On April 30th we went to a Valborgsmassa (a huge bon-fire). According to tradition this bon-fire was to be on the highest spot in the village and was a greeting to neighboring villages that spring has come, all is well and peace reigns. This of course was in the days before telephones and other forms of communication. Another story was that it was supposed to scare the witches away.

We only spent about three days in Stockholm, not nearly long enough, for this interesting place has much to offer the tourist. However, we did take a boat trip under the bridges one who goes to Stockholm. Our and I recommend this trip to anyone who is a charming young lady who spoke English well, was very helpful and informative. She was a "walking encyclopedia" on Stockholm and I could sense her pride in the city. From her we learned that a person must queue up for about eight or nine years to get a flat in Stockholm.

Bud's Grade One class had a reunion while we were there and because Bud had come such a long way I was also invited. It certainly turned out to be a lot of fun. The teacher, 74-year-old Miss Kilstrom, was also there and when some of her former pupils related incidents which were supposed to have happened, she shook her head in doubt, although most things she remembered.

They have a custom in Dalarna, that I don't think they have anywhere else and that is the Krykegran raising. This takes place on the eve of the announcement of the first bans in church. The young unmarried men in the village go out into the forest and cut down the two tallest and straightest spruce trees, peel them all but for about six feet at the top and bring them to the home of the young girl. Here they are raised up one on either side of the door. Then the men are treated to coffee and dapp (cakes, cookies, etc.) and if the young man is from another village he must treat to liquid refreshments. This is also done

at the home of the young man who is to be married. When this custom originated many years ago, the idea was that these two spruce should be the first two logs of the new home—a gift from the young men of the village. In some villages they use one spruce and one pine and one is shorter than the other. Our niece's fiancé was from Floda and that was the custom there.

The fabodar are used as summer resorts now and we had the opportunity of visiting one on Floberget. It was really interesting with the old bunk beds, grandfather clock and open fireplace and the view was beautiful.

Nearly every family has at least one car, but the majority were small cars, due mostly, I think, to the high price of gasoline (65c per gal.). Most women have a driver's license but it is my opinion that our lady drivers are far superior.

And what are they wearing over there? The ladies' hats are high, not as pretty as ours, the shoes pointed with narrow heels, the dresses short, styled somewhat like ours. The hair styles are much like ours. A lot of the young girls wore the bee-hive hair-do. Some young girls wore an awful lot of make-up and others hardly any. As for the men, slim pants, overcoats to the knees, hats much the same as here, terylene shirts, and pointed shoes.

On several occasions we had the opportunity of visiting with our old friend, Julius Carlson, also with Einar (Slim) Erickson. Both of them sent their best wishes to their many friends and acquaintances in Canada. My sister-in-law, Kristina Holmgren, who visited us in 1949, also sends greetings to the many friends she met here. I hope these lines reach a good many of them.

Parents, never let your children out of your sight when they are near the water. If they are playing in it then see they have a life jacket on.

Sons Of Norway

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Mr. and Mrs. N. Naversteth motorized to Banff, Jasper and Radium for a two-week vacation.

Following a six-week session at Summer School, Mrs. E. Hinton enjoyed a mountain holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Hinton motored to Radium and points west.

Sympathy from friends goes to Miss Aase Haukeness on the death of her brother, Oscar, in Saskatchewan. Mr. Oscar Haukeness was also the brother-in-law of Mrs. S. Tychsen.

Members and friends of the Sons of Norway will be pleased to learn that Mr. Leiv Aasgard has regained his health sufficiently to have been allowed a recent days' visit to his home from the Aberhart Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Svidal, accompanied by their two sons and Mrs. M. Svidal, of Coronation, spent a recent holiday in the Toronto and Niagara Falls area.

BOWLING BY-LINE: Sons of Norway bowling secretary, Mrs. H. Logan, announces that bowling will commence on Tuesday, Sept. 12th, at 9:00 p.m. in the Windsor Bowl. Interested persons are invited to attend a meeting at the Logan home, 9318 - 71 Avenue, on Sept. 8th, at 8:00 p.m. Please note the change in the day of the week. Bowling this year will be held every Tuesday night at the Windsor Bowl at 9:00 p.m.

JR. LODGE, Jr. Director, A. Vannoni, reminds all Sunray members that the next meeting will be held at the Milner Bldg. auditorium on Wednesday, Sept. 13th, at 7:30 p.m. This is an important meeting which will plan the fall activities of the group. Pins will be presented to the most recent new members.

Drinking Duck Dies

LOWESTOFT, England — George, believed the world's oldest duck, is dead at age 32. Says his owner: "George was no ordinary duck. After a few years it started laying eggs loved a nip of brandy, and woke me up every morning by banging its beak on the door."



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ed at a miscellaneous shower when Mrs. G. Johnson and Mrs. E. Bergquist were hostesses at the home of Mr. H. Markstrom. On another occasion a miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mrs. C. Lindberg when Mrs. K. Pearson and Mrs. G. Eliasson were hostesses. Many lovely and useful gifts were received on both occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dahl's daughter, Jo Ann of San Francisco, and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. Streit with their son, Mark, of Illinois, spent their holidays in Edmonton.

and daughter, of Winnipeg, have been in Edmonton visiting with friends and relatives.

STENBERG — On August 14, 1961, Albert E. Stenberg of Suite 215 Conde Block passed away. He leaves to mourn his loss, a niece and a sister-in-law both in Sweden.

Funeral services were held Friday at 4:00 p.m. at the Foster and McGarvey Funeral Chapel, with cremation following. Mr. Stenberg was a past president of the McCauley Community League.

Icelandic Society

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Banff, Vancouver and Victoria, B. C. The tour will close in Toronto on September 26.

The Icelandic Consul, Grettir Leo Johannson, residing in Winnipeg, is chairman of the committee in charge of details of the extensive tour.

It is a rare occasion to have the president of one of the NATO countries visit in Edmonton and it is desirable that a warm welcome be extended. A local committee appointed by the Icelandic Society of Edmonton will announce particulars of the proposed gathering as plans are finalized. Mr. Bill Halder, as acting president of the local group, asks your enthusiastic support in making the Edmonton portion of the tour a time to be well remembered. Mr. Halder's phone number is GL5-8931.

Hard Finnmark

The government hopes to introduce legislation this fall for a reform of Finnish money. The present 10,000 Finnmark note will become a 100 Finnmark note. The current 1,000 Finnmark note will become a ten mark coin or note. No devaluation or revaluation is involved. This is simply an overdue attempt to get rid of the astronomical totals that bookkeepers must work with today after the serious inflation of the post-war period.

The Presidency Four Runners

So far four candidates have been nominated for the Presidential Elections which will be held early in 1962. The resigning President, Urho Kekkonen by the Agrarian party; former Attorney-General, Olavi Honka, by the Social Democratic party; Deputy Speaker, Paavo Aitto, by the Communists; Emil Skog, by the Social Democratic Rebels.

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Canada has an excellent chance in the Miss America Pageant, according to judges who chose 20-year-old Connie Gail Feller of Ottawa (centre) as the new Miss Canada. She's flanked by Miss Toronto (Sylvia Wilson, 22) on the left and Miss Victoria (Mina Holden, 18) on the right. Miss Feller won both swimsuit and talent divisions of Miss Canada Pageant at Burlington, Ont.

Modin Re-Union

Sunday, July 30, 1961, will be a memorable day in the lives of four generations of the Modin family, who travelled from their homes in Bruce, Edmonton, Calmar, Glen Park, Warburg, Westlock, Whitecourt and Drayton Valley, to hold a 'get-together' in Skandia Park, Pigeon Lake.

Six brothers, Andrew, Olaf, Perr, Eric, Gustav, and Axel came to Canada from Sweden between the years of 1905 and 1911. In 1912 they were joined by their mother and father, Olaf and Kerstin, and the three younger children, Anne, Christine and Oscar.

Mrs. Modin died in 1913 and was buried in the Swedish cemetery in the Willow Creek district. Mr. Olaf Modin Sr. returned to Sweden in the fall of 1916 where he resided until his death in the early 1930's. Olaf, Perr, Eric and Anne have since passed away.

The members of the family now number an even 100, only five of whom were unable to attend the re-union.

The day was a tremendous success, apart from the pleasure many had in meeting relatives, in some cases for the first time. There were two delightful meals, boating, skiing, swimming, horseshoe pitching, a ball game, singing, dancing, and even a few squares of modern square dancing. Later in the afternoon, the Modins were joined by a number of friends who came to wish them well.

A gathering of this kind has long been desired and finally became a reality through the able organizing of Floyd Modin, of Calmar. Due to the success of this year's venture it was decided to meet again the last Sunday in July, 1962, and perhaps make it a yearly event.

Nearly every man has a remedy for the troubles of everyone but his own.

Mr. and Mrs. John Berild Celebrate 50th Anniversary

A good crowd of well-wishers and friends gathered at the Old Timers' Cabin on Sunday August 20th, to help Mr. and Mrs. John Berild celebrate their 50th anniversary. Their seven children and sixteen grandchildren were all present. Head table guests included Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Julius Jacobson and Mr. and Mrs. Pederson of Calgary. Mr. Pederson had been a guest at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Berild in the Swedish Lutheran Church, in Calgary, 50 years ago.

A program comprised of musical selections and readings was given by the grandchildren. Telegrams received from Lieut.-Gov. Percy Page and Premier Manning were read

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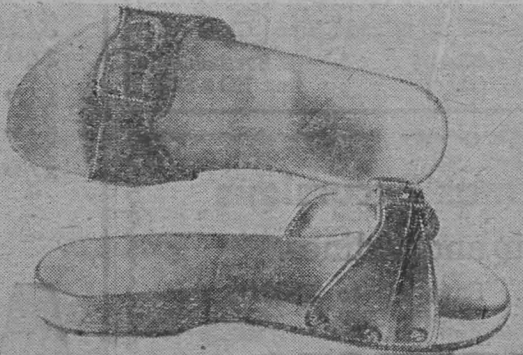
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along with many others. Sig. Sorenson extended greetings on behalf of the Sons of Norway Lodge and Rev. Olson, of the Calvary Lutheran Church, of which the Berild's are members, spoke briefly.

Many lovely gifts were presented, in particular, a magnificent lamp by the children.

Lunch was served, and all present enjoyed the day with these wonderful people. Out-of-town guests came from Camrose, Calgary and Tofield.

Master of Ceremonies was Frank Johnsrude, a long time friend of the family.

Mrs. Berild was born in Jamtland, Sweden and Mr. Berild in Molde, Norway. They met in Calgary and were married there on August 18th, 1911. They resided in Calgary, Youngstown and Tofield before going to Sweden where they lived for 10 years, through the war. They have resided in Edmonton since returning to Canada in March, 1948.

Sons Of Norway Picnic - Enjoyable

A large crowd gathered on the Belseth Lake property, South Cooking Lake, on Sunday, Aug. 20, when the Sons of Norway Lodge held its mid-summer annual picnic.

Members with their families and friends took part in two ball games. The teams were mixed with men, women and children which added to the fun.

A pot-luck supper was served at 5:00 p.m. Fried chicken, all kinds of salads, cold meats, cakes and gallons of good Norwegian coffee. The youngsters had a wiener and marshmallow roast and plenty of Kool Aid.

The fun continued after supper with horse shoe pitching, more ball playing and races for the children. To top it off, background music was supplied by Kalmer Amdam, Jimmy McDonald and Irene Hovde playing two guitars and an accordion.

Convener Mrs. MacDonald wishes to thank Mrs. J. Belseth for the use of the grounds, and a most sincere thank you to all who turned out and made Sunday an afternoon to be long remembered.

Booth A Success

The Scandinavian Centre Booth at the Edmonton Exhibition this year was an outstanding success, showing a net profit of \$802.62. Our thanks go to the following ladies who acted as co-ordinators, as well as to everyone who worked so hard and so faithfully to achieve the success we enjoyed:

Mrs. K. Sondrup, Mrs. E. Luhtala, Mrs. K. Sivertsen, Mrs. L. Naversteth, Mrs. C. Smith, Mrs. R. Sund, Mrs. E. Simons.

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GENERAL MEETING

The Dania Gym Club is holding its annual General Meeting at the Masonic Temple Board Room, 10318-100 Avenue, Edmonton, on September 26th, 1961, at 8:00 p.m. sharp. It is hoped that all members will meet in full force. Coffee will be served.

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